

REMARKS

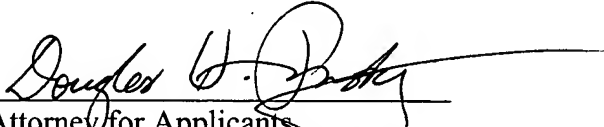
Claims 1-23 are presented for examination, and have been allowed. Claims 1, 16, 19 and 22 are in independent form.

The specification has been amended herein to correct grammatical and idiomatic informalities and clerical inadvertencies. (It should be noted that “a” appears in the original specification at page 19, line 23, and hence does not represent an addition in the replacement paragraph presented above.) No new matter has been added. Entry of the changes is respectfully requested.

In regard to the statement of reasons for allowance included in the Notice of Allowability mailed April 1, 2003, Applicants wish to clarify for the record that not all of the features noted by the Examiner accurately reflect what is recited in the indicated claims. For example, none of the claims recites an “ink jet printhead” or a “subscanning direction,” and Claim 16 does not recite “a first array ejecting a first liquid and a second array ejecting a second liquid.” Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

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